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THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hon. Member may put a separate question."

Representations from some Councillors of Tiruchirappalli Municipality regarding the Municipal Budget.

* 17 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any complaints have been received by the Government from some of the Municipal Councillors of Tiruchirappalli Municipality regarding the irregularities in passing the Municipal Budget;

(*b*) if so, what were the irregularities pointed out; and

(*c*) what action has been taken on the complaint?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" (*a*) The reply is in the negative.

" (*b*) & (*c*) Do not arise."

Alleged starvation death in Perambalur taluk.

* 18 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Ramaswami Vinodhi of Velvimangalam, Perambalur taluk, Tiruchirappalli district, died of starvation on 10th November 1952; and

(*b*) if so, what steps the Government took to prevent such starvation deaths?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " (*a*) No.

" (*b*) The Collector is closely watching the situation and will take the necessary measures."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" May I know what then is the cause of death?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" It is seen from the Collector's report that the said person was hale and healthy on the day of his death. (Laughter). So the presumption is that he would have died of natural causes and not due to starvation."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" ఈ వ్యక్తి చనిపోయినాడు అనేటటువంటి రిపోర్టు ఎవరిద్వారా వచ్చింది; ఆ రిపోర్టు వచ్చిన తర్వాత ఎవరు, ఏవిధంగా ఎంక్వయిరీ చేశారు; ఈ సందర్భములో, వివిధ వ్యక్తులు వ్రాతమూలకముగా యిచ్చినటువంటి విషయాలన్నింటిని యీ శాసనసభ టేబిల్ మీద పెట్టుతారా?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :— " There was a detailed enquiry by the Revenue officials including the Tahsildar. As is seen from the reports received, the person seems to have been all right in the

morning. He died afterwards. So the presumption is that he must have died due to natural causes such as heart trouble, of which we hear so much nowadays.''

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—'' నా ప్రశ్నకు సరియైన సమాధానం రాలేదండి. ఈ మరణ రిపోర్టు విషయములో ఎవరిని, ఎవరు ఎంక్వయిరీ చేసారు; ఎవరి ఎదుట చేశారు; రెవిన్యూ డిపార్టుమెంటువారు ఎంక్వయిరీ చేశారంటే, వారు ఎవరెవరిని ఎంక్వయిరీ చేశారు, ఆ ఎంక్వయిరికి సంబంధించిన కాగితము లన్నింటిని యీ సభయందు పెట్టుతారా? అని నేను ప్రశ్న వేశాను.''

9 a.m. THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' Sir, I cannot give off-hand the names of all the persons who were enquired; but I gather from the report that a detailed enquiry was made.''

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—'' Sir, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to say whether at least the wife or any other close relative of the person was enquired in regard to this matter? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' Probably if the person had any close relatives, they would have been enquired; but I cannot give any definite information.''

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—'' Is it a fact, Sir, that the Government have sent some secret circulars to all the officers not to report starvation deaths? If so, how do the Government expect any detailed enquiry to be conducted by the officers? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' If the insinuation comes from any other hon. Member, I may not mind it; but coming as it does from the Hon. Leader of the Opposition, I must say that I regret it very much.''

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' May I know how he met with his natural death? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' I cannot understand the question. Natural death is natural death.''

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—'' Was there a *post-mortem* examination in this case, and was any food found in the viscera? ''

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' My hon. Friend, being a criminal lawyer, is very conversant with *post-mortem* examinations and matter found in the stomach and all that; but unfortunately, Sir, I do not know whether all that was gone through by the people who made the enquiry.''

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—'' May I know how many cases of starvation deaths have taken place in this State after this Government took up office? ''

MR. SPEAKER :—'' It is altogether a different question; it has nothing to do with the question now being answered.''

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SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" అధ్యక్షా, నేను ఒక adjournment motion ను మీకు యిచ్చాను. ఆ విషయములో మీ రూలింగు కావాలని కోరుతున్నాను."

MR. SPEAKER :—" We will take it up tomorrow."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—DISCUSSION ON THE GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to inform the House that on Saturday, the 7th March 1953, the Governor was pleased to make a speech to both the Houses of the Legislature. For the convenience of the Members of the House, a copy of the speech has been laid on the table of the House. The House will now take up the discussion on the Governor's Address."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—' అట్లా అయితే నేనొక point of order raise చేస్తున్నాను. అధ్యక్షా, మనము యిప్పుడు గవర్నరుగారి ఉపన్యాసంమీద చర్చించ బోతున్నాము . . ."

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is better that the hon. Member speaks in English. Now that we are going to have the Andhra State shortly, I think he can speak in English."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—" ఆంధ్ర ప్రావిన్సు వస్తుందో, రాదో అని ఇంకను అనుమానాస్పదముగానే ఉంది. అందుకనే, నేను తెనుగులో మాట్లాడ దలచాను. ఆంధ్రప్రావిన్సు తప్పకుండా వస్తుందని మీరు నాకు ధైర్యముచెప్పితే, నేను ఇంగ్లీషులో మాట్లాడుతాను ఇప్పుడు ఇంగ్లీషులో మాట్లాడమని మీరు నన్ను కోరిన దున, మీకోరిక ప్రకారం, యీవిషయంమాత్రం నేను ఇంగ్లీషులో మాట్లాడుతాను."

" Mr. Speaker, Sir, we cannot proceed to discuss the motion on the speech made by the Governor, because the Governor gave the Address only under Article 175 and not under Article 176 of the Constitution. Yesterday the Hon. Leader of the House said that this session had been convened under Article 174. It is not correct. The Governor required our attendance here and gave the Address only under Article 175 and not under Article 174. Under the Constitution, we have to discuss only an Address made under Article 176 and not under Article 175 : I will read Article 176. It says—

> **' At the commencement of the first session after each general election to the Legislative Assembly and at the commencement of the first session of each year, the Governor shall address the Legislative Assembly or, in the case of a State having a Legislative Council, both Houses assembled together and inform the Legislature of the causes of its summons.**
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> **Provision shall be made by the rules regulating the procedure of the House or either House for allotment of time for discussion of the matters referred to in such address.'**

" ' Such Address ' means the Address referred to in Article 176. On Saturday last, the Governor gave the Address only under